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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 01/04/2010 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

On pages 3-4, Applicant argues that Hamada does not disclose or suggest that the picture selected to be the thumbnail picture is decoded and the thumbnails are not used to achieve a video effect.

In response, Examiner respectfully disagrees and submits that the picture is decoded as described in the decoding step of Wee's teachings (see Wee column 11, lines 9-32). Although in the cited section, Wee discloses as few as four frames are decoded, his teachings still read on the limitation of "decoding at least one video frame ...". In other words, the claim does not recite "only one frame is decoded", but "providing one decoded frame". Assuming that even it is required that only one frame is decoded, then from the teachings using the exemplary description given by Wee, one of ordinary skill in the art would recognize that in case a video effect to be made on one picture that happens to be an I-frame, it would not require decoding four frames at all. In such a particular case, only the I-frame needs to be decoded. Although Wee does not explicitly describe this case in the reference, it is clearly within the scope and spirit of his invention. Further, Hamada teaches using an extracted picture for generating a marking thumbnail, that is, only one picture is needed. Therefore, the teachings of Wee and Hamada disclose the limitation of "providing only one decoded video frame and changing said only one decoded video frame".

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Moreover, from an original video frames, a new presentation of the video frames is made by generating an effect of making it accessible through predetermined marked points. In other words, via selecting one of the generated marking thumbnails, a visual video effect can be seen (a new scene is immediately presented in place of the current scene). As such, it achieves a video effect as recited in the claim.

Therefore, Applicant's arguments are not persuasive.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung Q. Dang whose telephone number is (571)270-1116. The examiner can normally be reached on IFT.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, THAI Q. TRAN can be reached on 571-272-7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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